

Twains Editorial Rule: Only kings, editors and people with tape worm have the right to use the editorial "we."  
(Samuel Clemens)

Umbrella Law: You will need three umbrellas: one to leave at the office, one to leave at home and one to leave on the train. (James L. Blankenship, R.C. Auletta and Co., New York)

Unspeakable Law: As soon as you mention something, if it's good it goes away...if it's bad, it happens. (From Bloch's list in The Book of Lists)

Weight-Watcher's Law: Better to throw it OUT-than throw it in. (Attributed to one Skinny Mitchell in a letter from "Benton Harbon Ben" from Ann Lander's column)

Woodward's Law: A theory is better than its explanation. (H.P. Woodward, in a letter to Robert L. Bates, who published it in his "Geologic Column" in the July-August 1968, Geotimes)

Yapp's Basic Fact. If a thing cannot be fitted into something smaller than itself some dope will do it. (Eric Frank Russell, Yapp discovered this fact at an early age when he got his head stuck in a fence and had to be freed by the fire department)

Yolen's Law of Self-Praise: Proclaim yourself "World Champ" of something-tiddlywinks, rope-jumping, whatever-send this notice to newspapers, radio, TV, and wait for challengers to confront you. Avoid challenges as long as possible, but continue to send news of your achievements to all media. Also, develop a newsletter and letterhead for communications.

Donohue's Law: What's worth doing is worth doing for money. (Joseph Donohue)

Dunn's Discovery: The shortest measurable interval of time is the time between the moment I put a little extra aside for a sudden emergency and the arrival of that emergency. (Marvin Dunn, quoted in the Louisville Courier Journal)

Ehrlich's Rule: The first rule of intelligent tinkering is to save all the parts. (Environmentalist Paul Ehrlich, The Saturday Review, June 5, 1971)

Emerson's Insight: That which we call sin in others is experiment for us. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Epstein's Law: If you think the problem is bad now, just wait until we've solved it. (Of unknown origin, recalled by Kasspe, Ph.D., New York City)

Flip Wilson's Law: You can't expect to hit the jackpot if you don't put a few nickels in the machine. (Wilson on his TV show on October 28, 1971)

Franklin's Law: Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall not be disappointed. (Gene Franklin, from an article in Computers and Automation)

Gardening, Laws of: 1)Other people's tools work only in other people's yards 2)Fancy gizmos don't work. 3)If nobody uses it, there's a reason. 4)You get the most of what you need the least.

Geanangel's Law: If you want to make an enemy, do someone a favor. (Charles L. Geanangel, teacher, Winter Haven, Florida.)

Peer's Law: The solution to a problem changes the problem. (John Peers, president, Logical Machine Corp.)

Perversity of Production Precept: If it works well, they'll stop making it. (Jan Otten and Russell Baker)

Roger's Ratio: One-third of the people in the United States promote, while the other two-thirds provide. (Will Rogers, quoted in Leonard C. Lewin's, Treasury of American Political Humor, Dial Press, (1964)

Ross's Law: Bare feet magnetize sharp metal objects so they always point upward from the floor especially in the dark. (Al Ross)

Runyon's Law: The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet. (Damon Runyon)

Segal's Law: A man with one watch knows what time it is; a man with two watches is never sure.

Shaw's Principle: Build a system that even a fool can use, and only a fool will want to use it. (Christopher J. Shaw)

Spare Parts Principle: The accessibility, during recovery of small parts which fall from the work bench, varies directly with the size of the part and inversely with its importance to the completion of the work underway.

Thoreau's Rule: Any fool can make a rule, and every fool will mind it. (Henry David Thoreau)

Tom Jone's Law: Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

Zellar's Law: Every newspaper, no matter how tight the news hole, has room for a story on another newspaper increasing its newsstand price. (Ed Zellar, Park Ridge, Illinois)

Zimmerman's Law of Complaints: Nobody notices when things go right. (M. Zimmerman)

Zymurgy's Law on the Availability of Volunteer Labor: People are always available for work in the past tense.